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In re Application of
Toshiro Akira
Application No. 09/159,968
Filed: September 24, 1998
Attorney Docket No. F-6026

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 29, 2001, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue in favor of a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on November 22, 2000 in the parent application is not refundable nor can it be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue on the CPA filed January 29, 2001.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Marianne Morgan at (703) 306-3475.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for processing of the CPA.

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